

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on January 31, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 14, 1/24/2017; SR 6, 1/24/2017
Executive Action: SR 5, Be Adopted; SB 93, Do Pass As Amended

00:00:53 Vice Chair Connell assumed the role as the chair.
00:01:23 Brief Recess
00:13:25 Reconvened
00:13:27 Sen. Ankney entered the hearing.
00:13:28 Sen. Kary entered the hearing.
00:13:30 Sen. McNally entered the hearing.
00:13:47 Chair Connell

HEARING ON SR 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:06 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SR 14, Confirm Governor appointees to boards related to energy.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:51 Sen. Ankney
00:18:29 Sen. Wolken entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SR 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:25 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SR 6, Confirm Governor's appointee to NW Power Planning Council.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:30 Jennifer Anders, Governor's appointee
[EXHIBIT\(ens22a01\)](#)
00:27:32 Joe Lukas, Western Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative (WMT G&T)
[EXHIBIT\(ens22a02\)](#)
00:33:12 Dean Peterson, Vigilante Electric Cooperative (VEC)
[EXHIBIT\(ens22a03\)](#)

00:38:29 Sen. Barrett
00:38:55 Mark Johnson, general manager, Flathead Electric Cooperative (FEC)
[EXHIBIT\(ens22a04\)](#)

00:45:25 Chair Connell

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:51 Sen. Vuckovich
00:47:28 Chair Connell
00:47:41 Sen. Vuckovich
00:47:51 Mr. Johnson, FEC
00:48:26 Chair Connell
00:48:29 Mr. Peterson, VEC
00:48:42 Sen. Barrett
00:50:04 Ms. Anders, appointee
00:51:11 Sen. Regier entered the hearing.
00:52:46 Sen. Barrett
00:53:14 Ms. Anders
00:54:32 Sen. Blasdel
00:55:23 Ms. Anders
00:56:30 Sen. Regier
01:03:10 Ms. Anders
01:03:59 Sen. Regier
01:04:43 Sen. Ankney
01:05:51 Sen. Malek
01:09:44 Ms. Anders
01:10:00 Sen. Malek
01:10:50 Sen. Ankney
01:18:34 Mr. Lukas, WMT G&T
01:19:24 Sen. Malek
01:19:51 Ms. Anders
01:20:54 Chair Connell
01:27:55 Ms. Anders

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:01 Sen. Ankney

01:30:10 Sen. Ankney resumed the role as the chair.
01:30:12 Chair Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 5

01:30:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Connell moved that **SR 5 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 93

01:32:03 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SB 93 DO PASS**.

01:32:27 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SB 93 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(ens22a05\)](#)

Discussion:

01:34:08 Sen. Richmond

01:34:25 Sen. Tempel

01:34:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

01:35:22 **Motion:** Sen. McNally moved that **SB 93 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(ens22a06\)](#)

Discussion:

01:36:21 Sen. McNally

01:36:38 Sen. Richmond

01:37:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Wolken voting aye.

01:38:38 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 93 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:38:50 Sen. Malek

01:39:44 Sen. McNally

01:40:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Wolken voting no.

01:41:56 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([ens22aad.pdf](#))